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Date:

September 19, 2005

To:

Members of the Marine Advisory Commission

From:

Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Subject:

MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager

Vivian Crook, Secretary

Bradley Whyte, Vice Chair

Mike Malbon

Holly Carpenter

Harry Hutton

Randy Crawford

Mike Reed

Peter Hogenson

City Staff

Jeff Edwards, Supt. Maint. Oper. Bureau

Mark Boone, Chief, Marine Safety, LBFD

Tom Keleher, Sergeant, LPBD

Dave Akins, Officer, Marine Patrol

Avonne Gravel, Admin. Analyst, 3rd Dist.

Commissioners Absent
Richard L. Miller, Chair

Dave Calhoun

Guests

Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette

Joe Segura, Press Telegram

Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA

Scott Crawford

Chairman Miller convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The July 14, 2005, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Malbon that Richard Miller continue as Chairman of the MAC until June 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Malbon that Bradley Whyte continue as Vice-Chairman of the MAC until June 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

• Mark Sandoval reviewed the budget for the Beaches and Waterways Fund, Marina Fund, and Rainbow Harbor Area Fund. There was nothing to report regarding the Queen Mary Fund, due to a lawsuit in progress. He stated that the mayor would probably pass the 2005 budget next week Tuesday, or at the latest, September 20. He said that Tidelands still has a structural deficit, however, significant oil revenues are coming in reflective of the high cost of a barrel of oil, and this could put the Tidelands Fund in a positive situation. He stated that once the budget is passed he is going to approach the City Manager with a list of unfunded projects and operations; i.e., a dedicated security force for RBH and possibly police presence on the beach.

The question was asked why the handling of "concessions" was moved to Community Development. Mark Sandoval stated Phil Hester had determined that due to staff turnover in the Business Operations Division, and the fact that Community Development was already involved with issues concerning leases, handling of leases should fall under Community Development. Mark said that even though Community Development handles the leases, the revenue remains in the Tidelands Fund.

Commissioner Crawford asked when the superintendent's position would be filled. Mark Sandoval responded that he is recommending the position not be filled. He would like to have the Marina Supervisors operate as harbormasters, not as an official title, but more as an official function. Each of them would take basic responsibilities for their marina area (ABM/RBH/LBSM). Mark said he would handle a lot of the duties of the superintendent himself; i.e., dealing with DBW. He said he was also hoping to elevate an administrative analyst position to an administrative officer position, to act as a low-level management position.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Monthly Fund Budget Report for ABM/LBSM/RBH, the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina, and the Slip Status Report for the month of August.

 Mark Sandoval stated that he anticipates that Basin 4 in ABM will be under construction by next year.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of August.

- A \$150,000 settlement was won as a result of a lawsuit involving the Wave Fountain at Queensway Bay. Improvements to the fountain were implemented, however the fountain is still not capable of doing what it was designed to for extended periods. It can, however, put on a display for short periods.
- Marine Maintenance completed 232 requests for service during the month of June, and 219 during the month of July.
- Beach Maintenance removed 248 tons of trash from the beaches in June, and 53 tons of debris in July. The June total reflects much of what was left after the previous storm season, and the July total reflects what would be an average non-storm season month.
- The Maintenance Division is focusing on the resurfacing of the Belmont Pier. The mid-pier sewer station has been signed off, estimates for a yearly maintenance contract have been received, and a new rest room trailer should be delivered by next month.

Marine Safety Report

Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of August.

- The last day of work for seasonal staff will be September 6.
- Lifeguards will store their equipment in a container in a parking space near the LBSM office while gangway A is being replaced.

Marine Patrol Report

Sergeant Keleher reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of August.

• Officer Akins distributed three incident reports. Sergeant Keleher gave further information on an attempted murder at the Outback Steak House in RBM, a shooting at Pine Avenue and Seaside Way, and a stolen vehicle at Bayshore and Ocean. Marine Patrol Officers were the first or second unit on scene at each of these incidents.

- FEMA reported that 50 to 100 families displaced by Hurricane Katrina are expected in Long Beach today.
- Officer Akins offered to attend meetings as requested and give a slide show overview of Marine Patrol activities/duties.
- Sergeant Keleher stated that Marine Patrol is down four officers and one supervisor. Two of the
 officer positions are being filled immediately and the other two are in the process of being filled.
- Sergeant Keleher said that truants were not as big a problem this summer as in the past, however graffiti has been a big problem.

Executive MAC

All items covered.

Operations Committee

All items covered.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on Facilities Committee issues:

- Mark Sandoval stated that the mooring program operating proposal for the Belmont Beach Program will be brought before the MAC for review.
- DBW recently funded Phase 6 of the LBSM rebuild. There is a problem with trash collecting between the docks in the rebuilt section of the LBSM. The worst-case scenario would be the need to use dip nets to remove debris in the interim. It is expected that the water flow will change once the marina is completely built.
- Commissioner Hutton expressed his concern about the proposed business at PCH and Second Street and the nature and quality of traffic studies done in that area.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mark Sandoval asked that the November MAC meeting be pushed back one week, due to his attendance at the Marina Recreation Conference in Sacramento. It was determined that the MAC meeting for November would be held on Thursday, the 17th.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

 Commissioner Crawford said that he attended the SCSC event at Marine Stadium and could barely hear the PA system from across the way. He read in the Press Telegram where residents said they didn't mind the noise and enjoyed the event.

Mark Sandoval said that there was a lot of criticism before the event and only a few negative comments after the event occurred. He said that this issue needs to be kept on the front burner and out of politics.

- Mark Sandoval said that he would like to reinstate the Rules and Regulations Committee and would like Commissioner Whyte and Commissioner Malbon to sit on the committee along with a couple of LBMBOA members. Commissioners Whyte and Malbon both agreed to sit on the committee.
- The RFP for a construction management team for the ABM rebuild closes tomorrow, Mark Sandoval asked Commissioner Malbon to represent the MAC on the review board. Commissioner Malbon agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting is set for October 13, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine City Clerk